differential cost of transportation from various collieries to Tamil Nadu Electricity Board Thermal Power Stations, amounting to Rs. 312.48 crores due to non-supply of coal from Singareni collieries. In effect, the request amounts to revival and extension of the scheme of rail-cum-sea route subsidy which was discontinued in September, 1983. There is, at present, no proposal to extend freight subsidy for supply of coal.

[*Translation*]

D. O. System for Coal Distribution

2861. SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA:
SHRI RAMNARESH SINGH :

Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether coal mafia is gaining strength due to D. O. system for coal distribution;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether D. O. of coal is mostly given through V. I. P. quota;

(d) if so, the details in this regard;

(e) whether the Government propose to abolish the D. O. system; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) to (f). It is presumed that the Honourable Members of Parliament are referring to "delivery order" when using the acronym D. O., Delivery order is a commonly used commercial instrument which indicates the quantity of goods and name of the person to whom these goods are to be released. All Coal Companies use this instrument to release coal. However, there is no "VIP Quota" for coal release. Coal India Ltd. has a well laid down procedure for release of coal to coal consumers. Coal India has reported that they are not aware of any nexus between anti-social elements and coal distribution system. In view of above there is no proposal to abolish the system for release of coal through delivery orders.

[*English*]

Setting up of Power Plants in Eighth Plan

2862. DR. D. VENKATESWARA RAO: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state the details of the thermal power stations proposed to be set up in the Eighth Five Year Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): The Eight Five Year Plan has not been finalised by the Planning Commission so far. The Working Group on Power set up by the Planning Commission in the context of preparation of Power Programme for the Eighth Five Year Plan (1990-95) has recommended a thermal capacity addition of 30230.7 MW.

Train Services on Gaya-Dhanbad Section

2863. SHRI RAMNARESH SINGH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to augment train service on the Grand Chord line passing through Gaya and Dhanbad either by diverting existing trains or starting new ones, in view of the difficulties faced by the people of the region; and

(b) if so, when and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Operational and resource constraints.

LPG Bottling Plants in North-East Region

2864. SHRI NURUL ISLAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to establish LPG bottling plants in Assam or any other place in North-Eastern region;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c). A bottling plant is being set up at Silchar.

[*Translation*]

Rural Electrification of Phulpur Constituency

2865. SHRI RAM PUJAN PATEL: Will the Minister of POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether any survey for the rural electrification has been conducted or proposed to be conducted in the Phulpur Parliamentary constituency of Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALP NATH RAI): (a) and (b). Rural Electrification Programmes are formulated and executed by the respective State Electricity Boards. Districtwise rural electrification activities are undertaken by the State Electricity Boards according to the priority fixed by the State Authorities. The information for village electrification is maintained by State Electricity Boards district-wise. As per information received from Uttar Pradesh State Electricity Board, out of a total of 3514 inhabited villages in Allahabad district (including Phulpur Parliamentary constituency), 3040 villages have been declared electrified as on 1.4.1991.

[*English*]

LPG Bottling Plant in Tamil Nadu

2866. SHRI CHINNASAMY SRINIVASAN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have received representations from the public and other organisations for the establishment of a bottling plant in Tamil Nadu so that the gas available in Cauvery basin could be utilised;

(b) if so, the action taken thereon;

(c) if not, the other steps proposed to be taken to utilise the Cauvery gas?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Gas has been allocated to various consumers.